

House Resolution No. 847

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through their achievements in the field of public safety; and

Whereas, thirty-four-year-old Michael McElrath has attained considerable distinction as a patrolman with the Arnold Police Department since February 1998; and

Whereas, officer Michael McElrath recently enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishments when he was selected as Officer of the Year by a committee of his peers; and

Whereas, previously chosen as Officer of the Quarter, Michael McElrath received a large crystal plaque in light of his annual honor, and he also is featured in the police department's foyer; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Jennifer, officer Michael McElrath was selected to be Officer of the Year because of his stopping a burglary and sexual assault during the summer of 2004 and for his apprehending two suspects at the scene; and

Whereas, on May 29, 2004, officer Michael McElrath was dispatched to a residence in the Ozark Hills mobile home court following a 911 call, after which he observed a vehicle parked outside that matched the description of a vehicle involved in an assault approximately ten minutes earlier on West Outer Road; and

Whereas, after seeing the victim in distress, officer Michael McElrath entered the residence, identified himself, and then chased down and arrested two suspects, one of whom was identified as the perpetrator of the earlier assault; and

Whereas, officer Michael McElrath also deserves mention of his patriotic service as a former member of the Army National Guard who served on active duty from March 1, 2003, to February 28, 2004, as a day watch supervisor with the 1137th Military Police Unit in Kosovo:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Michael McElrath as Officer of the Year by a committee of his peers in the Arnold Police Department and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Michael McElrath of Imperial, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Roorda
District No. 102

Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 847, adopted March 3, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker